



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **SAMALA DANCERS AT SOLVANG LIBRARY Family Night Event Features Chumash Indian Dancers**

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The Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians' Samala Dancers will be special guests at Solvang Library's "Family Night," or "Noche de la Familia," on Thursday, September 20. Children and their families can learn all about the local Chumash culture and enjoy watching beautiful dances that celebrate Native American traditions.

The Samala Dancers is a group of seven Chumash members who bring the tribe's culture and traditions to life through song, dance and storytelling.

"Family Night," or "Noche de la Familia," a bilingual family story time program, is held each month. Solvang Library's storyteller, Luis Ramirez, and Nicole Pena of We-Watch's Healthy Alternatives program team up every month to create a very special bilingual program filled with culture and healthy food. The program's goal is to make early literacy and library resources available and fun for families with young children.

"We want to make listening to and telling stories part of the family tradition," said Ramirez. "Each family has so much of their own culture to celebrate, and so much to explore."

All library programs are FREE and open to the public. Solvang Library, a branch of the Santa Barbara Public Library System, is located at 1745 Mission Drive. For more information on library events, please call 805-688-4214, or visit the library system's website [SBPLibrary.org](http://SBPLibrary.org)

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